IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 116882 OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Date: September 2, 2003 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 Facsimile: (703) 836-2787 MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Customer Number: 25944 CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL **RULE 1.53(b)** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a **Continuation** Divisional Continuation-in-Part application of prior pending Application No. PCT/JP02/01798, filed February 27, 2002, INSULATING SHEET, HARD DISK DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD For (Title): FOR INSULATING SHEET Masayuki KUMAKURA By (Inventors): 1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is: a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.) b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.) Ø 2. The filing fee is calculated below: CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF OTHER THAN A ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW SMALL ENTITY **SMALL ENTITY** NO. FILED NO. EXTRA **RATE FEE** <u>OR</u> **RATE** FEE FOR: BASIC FEE \$ 375 \$ 750 <u>OR</u> \$ 0 \$ TOTAL CLAIMS 9 - 209 = <u>OR</u> x 18 \$ INDEP CLAIMS 3 - 3= x 42 =\$ OR x 84 \$ \$ ■ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED +140 =+280 OR * If the difference is less than zero, enter "0". **TOTAL** \$ OR TOTAL \$750 3. 冈 Check No. 145751 in the amount of \$750 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached. 冈 Application Data Sheet is attached. 4. 5. 冈 Formal drawings (Figs). 1-6) are attached. Use Figure for front page of Publication. DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE **AUTHORIZATION**

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6.	\boxtimes	Priority of foreign application No. 2001-058188 filed March 2, 2001 in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
		The certified copy was filed in prior Application No on
	\boxtimes	A certified copy of the above foreign application is filed herewith.
7.	$\overline{\Box}$	Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
	_	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)
8.		The prior application is assigned of record to, and recorded at Reel, Frame
9.		This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
10.		A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.
11.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
12.		Small entity status:
		a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
		b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
13.		Other:
14.		This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
15.		The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463, Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430, Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025, Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560, Paul Tsou, Registration No. 37,956, and/or Eric D. Morehouse, Registration No. 38,565.
		b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.
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